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In Re Application Of:

Hans Willem Van Kesteren et. al.

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TITLE: A Method Of Thermally-Assisted Data Recording And A
Recording Apparatus

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated 05/19/2004, please
amend the above-identified application as follows:

In The Abstract

Please replace the current abstract with the following
abstract on a separate page: